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AG Moody Honors Seniors vs. Crime Volunteers



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is recognizing five outstanding volunteers as Super Senior Sleuths for contributions made to stopping scams against older Floridians. Attorney General Moody is honoring Seniors vs. Crime volunteers for the second year in a row. This year, due to COVID-19, Attorney General Moody is presenting the awards virtually.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "I am overjoyed to be honoring these individuals for the work that they do to protect older Floridians. It is wonderful to see seniors using their golden years to give back to the community and fight for justice. I only wish I was able to honor them in person. After hearing about the extraordinary work they do in their communities, I know that all Floridians will agree, Florida's seniors have a great team standing guard against fraud."

Seniors vs. Crime is a special project of the Florida Attorney General's Office run by seniors who volunteer time and talents to help victims of senior-targeted crimes. Seniors vs. Crime offices are located across Florida in more than 25 counties. Whether it is investigating complaints, pursuing restitution for victims or providing advice for vulnerable seniors, the volunteers, or Senior Sleuths, help thousands of Floridians every year. Last year, Senior Sleuths worked more than 1,900 cases of reported fraud, recovering \$1,724,244 for seniors.

Sleuths make an impactful change in the well-being and safety of Florida seniors who come to them for help. They also work closely with the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division in assisting seniors who contact the division and as part of her <u>Senior Protection Team</u>, on strategies to prevent fraud and crimes against seniors.

Attorney General Moody is naming the following individuals Super Senior Sleuths for taking extraordinary steps to protect Floridians through Seniors vs. Crime:

- David Cunningham, volunteer at the Seniors vs. Crime Marion County office;
- Gary Hinthorne, volunteer at the Seniors vs. Crime Cape Coral office;
- Tomme Mayne, volunteer at the Seniors vs. Crime Flagler County office;
- Betsy Robins, volunteer at the Seniors vs. Crime Navarre office; and
- Jean Sporrier, volunteer at the Seniors vs. Crime Port St. Lucie office.

All five recipients are nominees for the 2019-2020 Advocate of the Year Award. Attorney General Moody will name the winner at the end of this week. To learn more about these great Super Senior Sleuths and to find out who is named the 2019-2020 Advocate of the Year, follow Attorney General Moody on Twitter by clicking <u>here</u>.

For more information on Seniors vs. Crime or to get involved, click here.

To read the 2019 Seniors vs. Crime Annual Report, click here.

If you or someone you know may have fallen victim to fraud or a scam, report it by clicking here.